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1. EMBOFF SAW QUI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS BOLLE AND PRESENTED VIEWS IN REFS A AND B. BOLLE SAID THAT GOF'S VIEWS WERE STILL THOSE HE HAD GIVEN TO US ON FEBRUARY 16 (REF C). BECAUSE OF FRENCH ELECTIONS AND FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT, GOF HAD NOT YET GONE BEYOND TENTIATIVE VIEWS, BUT HIS OFFICE WAS CURRENTLY PREPARING MATERIALS TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN ARRIVING AT DECISIONS ON MORE SPECIFIC AID PLANS.

2. BOLLE SAID THAT THE FRENCH CHARGE IN SAIGON, FOLIN, HAD KEPT PARIS INFORMED ABOUT GVN ECONOMIC PLANS, AND THEY AGREED THAT GVN HAD GOOD IDEAS AND SOME WELL- THOUGHT OUT PROPOSALS. THE GVN PLANS WOULD SERVE AS BACKGROUND FOR GOF PLANNING. BOLLE REITERATED THE FRENCH POSITION THAT BECAUSE OF SPECIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND INDOCHINA COUNTRIES, THE EMPHASIS WOULD PROBABLY CONTINUE TO BE ON
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BILATERAL AID, BUT GOF WAS COMPLETELY OPEN TO PROPOSALS CONCERNING MULTILATERAL AID PROGRAMS AND WOULD SUPPORT THOSE IT CONSIDERED SOUND. HE WAS NOT YET PREPARED, HOWEVER, TO GIVE GOF VIEW ON IBRD AID CONSORTIUM FOR SOUTH VIETNAM.

3. BOLLE SAID THAT THEIR STUDIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD BE READY SOON FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE " GOVERNMENT LEVEL." WE SHALL FOLLOW UP WITH A HIGH LEVEL APPROACH AT APPROPRIATE MOMENT, I. E., WHEN GOF EXAMINES WORKING- LEVEL RECOMMNDATIONS. GDS
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